

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on June 25, 2008. The Office Action rejected claim 102 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0024822 (Werndorfer). Claims 1, 4-10, 12-17, 19-20, 22-32, 40-41, 44-55, 66-68, 71-82, 103, and 113-116 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer. Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,024,431 (Kornelson). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0160167 (Cheng). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0236836 (Borthwick). Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0188016 (Vdaygiri). Claims 33-39, 56-65, and 83-84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0192044 (Huntsman). Claims 42 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werndorfer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0019653 (Debaty). Claims 85-101 and 104-112 were previously withdrawn from consideration for being directed toward non-elected subject matter. The Office Action objected to claims 43 and 70 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Without conceding to the correctness of the Examiner's position, and solely to advance prosecution, and to permit the Applicant to obtain early issuance of allowed subject matter, applicant has canceled rejected claims 1-42, 44-69, 71-84, 102-103, and 113-116 in order to expedite issuance of this application. Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to present these claims in a continuation application.

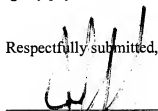
Applicant has rewritten objected-to claims 43 and 70 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

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